Testimonies of prosecution witnesses in Imaan tweet case recorded

ISLAMABAD: Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Afzal Majoka on Wednesday concluded recording of testimonies of all prosecution witnesses in the controversial tweet case against Imaan Mazari and her spouse Hadi Ali Chatha, and adjourned the hearing until Nov 24, when cross-examination of the witnesses will begin.

At the beginning of the proceedings, both accused did not appear in court for the third consecutive time, leading the judge to briefly adjourn the hearing.

Later, Hadi Ali Chatha appeared, while Mazari's lawyer marked her presence. The court ordered the prosecution to proceed with the witnesses' testimonies.

During the recording of evidence, Chatha objected to the proceedings, questioning how statements could be recorded in the absence of the accused. He informed the judge that he was leaving the courtroom, after which both his and Mazari's lawyers also left. Despite their departure, the court continued the hearing amid tight security.

The prosecution first presented petitioner Shahroz Riaz, who recorded his statement. A USB containing a video of Mazari's speech was played in the court, and 11 pages of tweets related to the case were made part of the record. The second witness, Mohammad Waseem, and the third witness, Naib Qasid NCIA Afzal Hussain, also recorded their statements.

Finally, the investigating officer Imran Haider completed his testimony, after which the prosecution evidence was closed.

The court subsequently wrote to the authorities to appoint a state counsel for Mazari to ensure representation at the next hearing. The case was registered by the NCIA against both the accused. The court will take up the matter again on Nov 24. — Malik Asad

Olympic torch relay held in Muzaffarabad

By Tariq Naqash

MUZAFFARABAD: An Olympic torch relay was held on Wednesday to highlight the significance of the Olympic Games and encourage youth participation in the 35th National Games, scheduled to be held in Karachi from Dec 6 to 13 under the aegis of the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA).

The relay began at the Revenue Complex in Chattar, where AJK Secretary for Sports, Youth and Culture Tehzeebun Nisa handed the torch to former international hockey player Manzoor Qureshi, who belongs to Azad Kashmir.

The procession moved along the main thoroughfare and culminated at the Narul Hockey Stadium. Young athletes as well as people from various walks of life joined the relay, chanting slogans and reaffirming their commitment to promoting sports and healthy activities in the region.

A formal handover ceremony was held at the Narul Hockey Stadium, where AJK Director General for Sports, Youth and Culture Malik Shaukat Hayat passed the torch to General Secretary of the Islamabad Olympic Association (IOA) Rizwanul Haq.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Hayat said the Olympic torch was not merely a ritual but a symbol of harmony and mutual bonds among all seven units.

He congratulated the POA on organising the 35th National Games and expressed hope that the Karachi event would help identify promising new talent from across the country, enabling future international representation for Pakistan.

Electric bus service with 45 vehicles launched in Rawalpindi

Punjab CM announces Rs30bn signal-free corridor for garrison city

By Aamir Yasin

RAWALPINDI: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Wednesday launched Phase I of the green electric bus service in the garrison city with a fleet of 45 buses on four routes.

The electric buses are equipped with air-conditioning and CCTV cameras, and the fare is Rs20 per person, while free travel facilities will be provided to women, students, senior citizens and special persons.

The new buses are also equipped with free Wi-Fi and mobile charging ports.

In the first phase, 45 e-buses will operate on four routes and the number of buses will be expanded to 80 in the coming days.

The new transport system will also be introduced in Jhelum, Chakwal and Attock in the coming days.

A total of seven buses will operate from Saddar to Qabristan Chowk at Misrial Road via Qasim Market and Shalley Valley (7 kilometres).

Eight buses will run on the second route from Fawara Chowk to Koral Chowk via Liaquat Bagh, Sir Syed Road and Old Airport Road (11.3 kilometres). Seven buses will operate on the third route from Saddar Metro Bus Station to Munawar Colony via Tulsa Road.

Moreover, 14 buses will run on the fourth route from Marrir Metro Bus Station to Motorway Chowk via The Mall and Peshawar Road (13.1 kilometres).

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz announced the construction of a signal-free corridor in Rawalpindi at a cost of Rs30 billion. "The work on the signal-free corridor, worth Rs30 billion, will be completed next year. Two hundred thousand people will directly benefit from it every day," she said.

She also announced a new drainage and sewage system for villages at a cost of Rs100 billion and said the Punjab government would introduce a new law against harassment of women.

She said the Punjab government would build Thal Expressway from Rajana to Bhakkar, and after the completion of Lahore Cancer Hospital, the next cancer hospital would be built in Rawalpindi and then in DG Khan.

Maryam Nawaz added that governments deliver through hard work, not through magic.

"Some people wasted many years in politics and did not work. If you mention their names, you think of riots and abusive language. On the other hand, when you mention Nawaz Sharif, you think of development, motorways, metro and others," she said.

Highlighting her government's performance, she said that in one and a half years, work on roads and hospitals had reached unprecedented levels. She said Rawalpindi Metro was built by Shahbaz Sharif, and Nawaz Sharif carried out extensive development work in Murree.

"Except for the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, no one has ever laid a brick in Pakistan or Punjab," she claimed.

The chief minister said that any previous work done in Rawalpindi was carried out by Nawaz Sharif or Shahbaz Sharif, or is being done now. "Rawalpindi Metro was built by Shahbaz Sharif. All the work done in Pakistan and Punjab was done by Nawaz Sharif," she maintained.

She said the fare for an electric bus is only Rs20, while travel is completely free for women, senior citizens, special persons and students. She said facilities such as Wi-Fi and mobile charging ports had been made mandatory. "A separate compartment for women and CCTV monitoring will help prevent harassment.

She said that 100,000 houses were under construction within a short period of 10 months. "Every day, 350 to 400 houses are being built under Apni Chhat Apna Ghar.

People are leaving rented houses and going to their own homes," she said.

She said the first cancer hospital would start treatment in January, adding that 20 cancer patients had been treated with the coagulant machine.

She said the Sargodha Institute of Cardiology had become functional, and a similar hospital had been constructed in Murree. "1.5 million families are getting ration cards, and 80,000 intelligent children are being provided educational assistance through meritorious scholarships. The shortage of teachers is being met in schools," she said.

Road repairs, market closures mark Maryam Nawaz's visit

RAWALPINDI: Though it was a bad day for road users and shopkeepers in the garrison city along the travel route of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Wednesday, it proved to be a blessing in disguise for some roads that were repaired early in the morning before the chief minister's arrival.

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz visited the city to inaugurate the electric bus system, but due to strict security measures, all shops and markets along the route were closed from morning to evening in Jhanda Chichi, Marrir Hassan and Adamjee Road as she travelled from Old Airport Road to Ammar Chowk and then to Saddar via Jhanda Chichi and Civil Lines.

Workers of the Rawalpindi Waste Management Company were deputed on these roads despite the fact that the area falls under the administrative control of the Chaklala Cantonment Board. The District Council and Rawalpindi Municipal Corporation carried out patchwork in Jhanda Chichi and filled potholes early in the morning.

However, potholes on Ch Bostan Khan Road, an alternate route for traffic coming from the Lahore High Court Rawalpindi Bench to Ammar Chowk on Old Airport Road, remained unattended and neither the District Council nor the Rawalpindi Development Authority bothered to fill them.

Cantonment Traders Association Secretary General Zafar Qadri said the local police and administration had asked shopkeepers to keep their shops closed from morning till evening.

He said only shops on Adamjee Road, from KFC to Kashmir Rwoad, remained closed, while shops in Jhanda Chichi and Marrir Hassan were also shut.

He said strict security measures were adopted. "The traders welcomed the new bus service as it is better for the people. For Rs20, they will be able to travel in better buses, while women and elderly people will travel free," he added.

Residents of Jhanda Chichi said potholes were filled within a short time due to the chief minister's visit and the area was cleaned by RWMC workers. "Jhanda Chichi comes under the administrative control of the Chaklala Cantonment Board, but from morning to evening, RWMC workers were carrying out cleanliness work. It was all done because of the chief minister's visit," said Shabir Hussain, a resident.

Muhammad Awais, another resident, said that for the past month, residents had been demanding the filling of potholes on the main road, especially near the main mosque along the railway line, but no one from the cantonment or district administration listened.

The potholes were finally filled due to the chief minister's visit. — Staff Reporter

Caucus on Child Rights calls for urgent polio legislation, awareness

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights of the National Assembly convened a meeting titled "Polio-Free Pakistan: A Legislative Priority" here on Wednesday.

The meeting was chaired by the convenor of PCCR, MNA Dr Nikhat Shakeel Khan, and attended by parliamentarians' secretaries, representatives from health and finance departments.

Dr Nikhat Shakeel Khan underscored the urgent need for robust legislative measures to eradicate Wild Polio Virus (WPV1) from Pakistan.

She emphasised that eliminating polio was both a constitutional and moral obligation, highlighting priority areas including mandatory vaccination, deterrence against vaccine refusal, state support for polio-affected children, and the formulation of a comprehensive Polio Eradication Act.

She also reaffirmed the PCCR's commitment to unified action, strengthened oversight, harmonised provincial legislation, and nationwide awareness initiatives. The National Coordinator of the Polio Program, Ministry of Health, retired Capt Anwarul Haq, presented an overview of the current epidemiological situation.

He noted an overall decline in Wild Polio Virus (WPV1) cases nationwide, with no cases reported since September 2025. However, he highlighted rising cases in South Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which accounted for over 50 per cent of recent detections. He also shared year-wise data from 2021–2025, identified five priority zones across Pakistan, and outlined provincial challenges and progress in the ongoing vaccination drive.

During the open-floor discussion, parliamentarians and civil society members raised concerns regarding the spread of WPV1 due to population movement, gaps in federal and provincial coordination, insufficient training of frontline workers, weak monitoring and accountability in peripheral regions, and increasing parental refusal in high-risk districts.

Responding to the queries, Anwarul Haq emphasised the need to focus on South KP, Karachi, and Hyderabad, areas with the highest refusal rates. He stressed that routine immunisation, nationwide campaigns, and sustained community engagement are essential to building public trust.

In the concluding session, participants recommended a child-centred, community-driven approach to polio eradication. Participants noted that underweight and medically vulnerable children required additional attention to ensure successful immunisation. The establishment of mothers' committees at the grassroots level was proposed to counter misinformation and promote vaccine acceptance.

Further recommendations included strengthening the cold-chain system, ensuring effective monitoring mechanisms for polio workers, administering vaccines to young adults.

Pakistan, Afghanistan must not conflate economic cooperation with tension: speakers

By Ikram Junaidi

ISLAMABAD: Security concerns of Pakistan and Afghanistan must not be conflated with economic cooperation and both governments should decouple trade from politics, make unconditional diplomatic overtures, and protect the livelihoods of border communities harmed by prolonged closures.

These were the views of speakers at a round table convened by the Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS) on Wednesday.

Titled 'Evolving Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations: Challenges and Prospects for Regional Stability', the round table brought together senior diplomats, economists, security experts and policy practitioners from both sides.

Former Afghan ambassador to Pakistan Dr Omar Zakhilwal lamented the current state of bilateral relations, noting that it had deteriorated even at the people-to-people level, whereas previously the mistrust existed mostly between the governments.

Former deputy minister for trade and commerce, Afghanistan, Dr Mozammil Shinwari stressed that trade was Afghanistan's international right grounded in frameworks such as APTA, WTO rules and UN conventions - not merely a function of neighbourhood ties. He argued that Pakistan and Afghanistan must segregate economic relations from political and security concerns, warning that the current cycle of blames had led to a recurring crisis.

Former Pakistani ambassador to Afghanistan Ayaz Wazir suggested that the approach of securitising trade and political engagement should be avoided, and diplomatic solutions should be opted for as a priority of engagement ahead of military solutions. He argued that communities living near the border - who bear the brunt of closures - should be meaningfully included in policymaking.

Fleeing former additional deputy commissioner re-arrested

RAWALPINDI: In a joint operation by law-enforcement agencies, the fleeing former additional deputy commissioner revenue (ADCR) Sialkot was re-arrested, while the four police officials who were guarding him when he escaped were dismissed from service and sent to Adiala jail.

According to a senior police official, the former ADCR Sialkot, arrested in a corruption case and was under trial in a local court in Rawalpindi where he was brought to appear in the anti-corruption court in the case registered against him.

The suspect managed to escape from the Chakri Motorway rest area on November 13 when he was being shifted from Rawalpindi to Lahore jail. During the journey back to Lahore, he went to use washroom at the Chakri motorway service area, where his brother with five to six other individuals were present who took him away in a vehicle.

Following his escape, a case was registered with the Chakri Police Station on Nov 15 which led to the arrest of four police personnel, including the Chakri police station's Assistant Sub-Inspector and three constables under relevant sections of the law.

The four police officials have been dismissed from service and sent to Adiala jail after a case was registered against them.

As the investigation was launched, the police seized the mobile phone data of the police officials who were guarding the suspect to verify potential contacts with the accused, while geo fencing of the Chakri Rest area was also carried out.

Police sources said that the law enforcement agencies have been after the accomplices of the suspect's brother who freed him from police custody and hoped that they would be arrested soon.

The former ADCR have been shifted to Camp Jail Lahore after being re-arrested. Investigation into the escape of former ADCR Sialkot has been underway to trace other suspects. — Staff Reporter

(BEFORE SPECIAL JUDGE), SPECIAL JUDGE, ANTI-TERRORISM COURT, KASHMORE @ KANDHKOT

SPECIAL CASE NO.119 OF 2025
STATE/VERSUS
SADDAM HUSSAIN @ ADHAR BHAYO & OTHERS
CRIME NO: 52 OF 2025.
U/S: 324,353,440,399,402,148,149,1 PPC 6/7 ATA
POLICE STATION: GHOUSPUR

Whereas, the accused persons namely 01. Sadam Hussain @ Adhar S/o Shahzado 02. Hussain @ Moula Bux S/o Noor Hassan both by caste Bhayo 03. Meer Hassan S/o Unknown by caste Sabzoi 04. Malguzar @ Malhoo S/o Chakar by caste Bahalkani 05. Zaheer S/o Muhammad Alim by caste Jagirani 06. Saddam Hussain @ sadoo S/o Ali Nawaz By çaste Shaikh all r/o katcho Taluka Kandhkot have shown as absconders in above cited case. As whereas non-bail able warrants have been issued by this court for the arrest of above named accused, which returned un-executed, with report of police that the accused have absconded away and they are not traceable.

Therefore, proclamation u/s 87 Cr.P.C read with section 19(10) of Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 be issued with directions to the above named accused persons to appear before this court at (Sub-Ordinate Court Building Kashmore at Kandhkot) within seven days after publication of this notice, failing which the case will be proceeded in their absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, This 11th of November, 2025.

I/C SPECIAL JUDGE
ANTI-TERRORISM COURT
KASHMORE AT KANDHKOT

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tender are invited in accordance with the Sindh Police procurement rule, 2010(Amendment 2019) from contractor/contracting firms for following works of the Police department.

S.No	Scope of work	Estimated Cost Approximate	Earnest Money	Tender Fee	Duration of completion of work
1	Barrack No "5"(Old SRP Baldia Base) Repair & Maintenance Work of CMU Baldia Base-1, Karachi	2.5 million	2.5%	2000	45 days
	Grand of Total	2.5 Million			

TERMS & CONDITION:

- Contractors/ Contracting firms should be registered with Pakistan Engineering Counsel, (FBR) Income Tax, Sales/ Tax & Sindh Revenue Board (NTN and STN registration certificates will be required.
- Contractors/ Contracting firms are advised to quote rates on unit / Job / Per Sft / Rft required.
- If the competent authority remains out of head quarter on the date of opening of the tender, or any holiday announced by Government, then tender will be received and opened on the next working day on same schedule and venue.
- Payments shall be made for the works on basis of job, unit basis as the case may be on completion of each item/ work on the basis of measurement & verification in accordance with specification/ Schedule "B".
- The Contractors/ contracting firm will be required to show evidence of experience, capability in respect of personnel/ machinery, financial position etc (profile of the firm).
- Contractor/ Contracting firm black listed by Government Departments or Agency will not be allowed to participate in the tender/ bid (Participating contractors/ contracting firms will be required to submit affidavit to the effect that they are not black listed) from any Government Department.
- Contractors will be required to provide copy of CNIC and contracting firm.
- Validity of bid/ offer shall be 90 days from the date of opening of tender.
- The competent authority reserves the right to reject all or any tender/ bid subject to and in accordance with the relevant provisions of Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010 (Amendment 2019) and conditions contained in tender.

Note: This NIT can be seen on **SPPRA** website at **www.pprasindh.gov.pk** Sindh Police website **www.sindhpolice.gov.pk.**

INFORMATION & PROCEDURE:

- Complete set of Bid documents containing the scope of work and relevant details along-with specification can be obtained by interested/ contractors/ contractor firm from office of the SP CMU Baldia Base-I, Karachi (Naval colony Saeedabad Baldia Town Karachi) during working hours up to last date of submission the bids, on payment of tender fee (non-refundable). Method of procurement will be single stage on envelope.
- Tender/ Bids (duly sealed along-with call deposit) 2.5% of bid shall be dropped in the tender Box (placed in office of the SP CMU Baldia Base-I, Karachi (at address given above) on or before (as last date) **10-12 -2025** up to **11.00 AM.** The proposed bids will be opened by Departmental Procurement Committee on **10-12- 2025** at **12:00 PM.** In the presence of duly authorized representatives (who may like to present) of Contractors/ Contracting firms, participants in the tender/ bid.
- Any other information relating to this tender/ Bid or detail of work or any further clarification can be obtained from office of the SP CMU Baldia Base-I, Karachi at given address during office hours before opening of tender.
- The Contractor/ Contracting firms are advised in their own interest to fully understand Scope or work and quality/ quantities. They may also visit site to assess themselves any additional/ incidental work (availability of electricity, water or any other item) which may come up before or during execution of the eventualities no any extension in the time will be provided on such pretext.
  The work will commence after the approval of competent authority and also subject to availability of funds.

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BEFORE MR. MUHAMMAD SAAD QURESHI (JUDGE)
IN THE BANKING COURT NO. I, AT KARACHI
Block-55- Pakistan Secretariat, near Passport Office Saddar, Karachi
SUIT NO. 254 OF 2025

BANK ISLAMI PAKISTAN LIMITED, HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT 11TH FLOOR DOLMEN CITY, EXECUTIVE TOWER, MARINE DRIVE BLOCK 4, CLIFTON KARACHI..... PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

1. SHEIKH SHAN ELAHI S/O SHEIKH ABDUL HAMEED (CUSTOMER / MORTGAGOR / GUARANTOR), CNIC NO. 42301-1025692-7
2. MRS. HINA IBRAHIM W/O SHEIKH SHAN ELAHI (CO-APPLICANT/GUARANTOR) CNIC NO.42301-9040128-2, BOTH MUSLIMS. ADULT R/O HOUSE NO.198, KHAYABAN-E-SHUJAT, PHASE-VIII, DHA. KARACHI. **AND** ALSO HOUSE NO.41/2, BLOCK-3, NEW KARACHI CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LTD. PECH SOCIETY, SHAHEED-E-MILLAT, ROAD, KARACHI. **AND** ALSO AT HOUSE NO. 78/1, 12TH STREET, KHAYABAN-E-HILAL, PHASE-VI, DHA, NEAR SULTAN MASJID, KARACHI.....DEFENDANTS

To. The above named Defendant.

Whereas the Plaintiff abovenamed has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 for **Rs.32,219,608.26 ALONG WITH COST OF FUNDS, CHARGES COSTS, TILL THE REALISATION OF THE WHOLE AMOUNT** balance of principle and markup due to you; you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within 30 days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such 30 days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS. 32,219,608.26** and sum of Rs.(Not Yet determined) for costs together with such markup and cost of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order. Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit.

Matter is fixed on 15th day of JANUARY, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. before the banking court-I, Karachi. Given under my hand and seal of the court this 13th day of November 2025.

BY ORDER
READER
BANKING COURT No. I, KARACHI